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Extension of electricity to Jammalamadugu.

* 88 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal before the Government to extend electricity to Jammalamadugu from Proddatur Thermal Station;

(*b*) whether the Jammalamadugu Panchayat Board has made any representation in this matter;

(*c*) if so, when the electricity is going to be extended to that town;

(*d*) whether electricity will be supplied for agricultural and industrial purposes; and

(*e*) the distance limit fixed for the power being supplied from the thermal station?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No. The scheme is programmed for investigation in the third quarter of 1951.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) This will depend on the results of the investigation referred to in clause (*a*).

" (*d*) Yes.

" (*e*) The distance limit will depend on the loads forthcoming in the area and technical factors. This will be decided when the extension scheme is formulated."

Number of periods of Hindi in High Schools.

* 89 *Q.*—SRI A. VEDARATNAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state with reference to question No. 979 answered on 22nd March 1951—

(*a*) whether the Government have come to any decision in regard to the number of periods to be fixed for Hindi in High Schools; if so, how many periods have been allotted to Hindi for each form in a week; and

(*b*) whether the grievances of the Hindi Pandits regarding their pay and period of work have been redressed; and if so, to what extent?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Education) :—" (*a*) No decision has yet been arrived at in the matter.

" (*b*) Action to redress grievances in the matter of qualifications, pay, etc., of Hindi Pandits is being taken to the extent necessary and possible, as and when the grievances are brought to the Government's notice."

SRI A. VEDARATNAM PILLAI :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that two periods allotted for Hindi are

not at all sufficient? In view of the fact that the Government have been considering this question for over two years, may I know when they will come to a conclusion in the matter? ''

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—'' The intention is to place it before the State Advisory Council on Education and get their opinion also and it will take some time before we can arrive at a decision.''

SRI D. V. RAMASWAMI :—'' Are the Government aware that representations have been made both by hon. Members of the Assembly including myself and others and the Government have already assured on the floor of the House in reply to previous questions that they are considering the question of increasing the number of hours allotted for Hindi; and as it is long since this assurance was given, might I ask, Sir, when the Government will implement their assurance? ''

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—'' Certainly it is our intention to implement whatever assurance has been given in the matter. But the question of increasing the periods of Hindi-teaching from two to three hours will have its repercussion on the entire time-table and it will require some alteration to suit this increase. It may take some little time to do all this.''

SRI A. VEDARATNAM PILLAI :—'' May I know, Sir, whether the Government will consider the desirability of fixing at least some minimum marks to pass an examination in Hindi? ''

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—'' That also has to be considered and certainly we shall take up the matter.''

SRI B. S. MURTHI :—'' Will the Hon. the Leader of the House be pleased to state the policy of the Government as regards the place Hindi occupies in the curriculum of high schools? ''

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—'' We are teaching Hindi from Form I to Form VI for two periods a week and the question whether it should be increased to three or four periods is engaging the attention of the Government and that shows that we are serious about the spread of Hindi.''

SRI D. V. RAMASWAMI :—'' Sir, this question has been pending from the 22nd of March of this year. May I ask, Sir, whether the Government will be pleased to give effect to the increased number of periods at least from the next academic year? ''

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—'' We shall consider the suggestion.''

SRI K. ANANDAN NAMBIAR :—'' In view of the fact that people are interested in the study of their own mother-tongue like Malayalam or Tamil, may I know, Sir, whether Hindi classes will be reduced to the barest minimum necessary and whether it will be left to the individual student concerned to decide whether he wants to study Hindi or not? Because the mother-tongue of the students has to receive more attention and it has to be taught

more, may I have an assurance from the Hon. Minister that he will consider the question of reducing the number of periods allotted to Hindi to the barest minimum possible? ''

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—'' I do not agree with the view of the hon. Member that learning of Hindi will affect the learning of the mother-tongue in any manner; certainly our desire is to see that whatever we do with regard to Hindi does not affect the teaching of the mother-tongue. All these issues have to be considered and so some delay is inevitable.''

Cholera in Nellore district.

* 90 *Q.*—SRI V. RAGHAVAYYA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether cholera has broken out in an epidemic form in the Nellore district;

(*b*) the number of deaths for the month of August 1951;

(*c*) the taluks most affected;

(*d*) the causes for the outbreak; and

(*e*) the steps taken by the Government to check the epidemic?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—'' (*a*) & (*b*) There were 98 deaths from cholera for the month of August 1951 in the Nellore district.

'' (*c*) Nellore, Kovvur and Podili taluks are those most affected at present.

'' (*d*) The original cause of the outbreak of cholera in the district is the movement of agricultural labour population in connexion with paddy harvest work in January 1951; and subsequently by movement and communication from infected villages to fresh villages.

'' (*e*) The existing District Health staff was strengthened by the posting of four additional Health Inspectors from the Epidemic Reserve. Chlorination of water supplies, disinfection of infected premises, and anti-cholera inoculations are being carried out in the affected villages. 117,354 anti-cholera inoculations were done in the district since January 1951. Fly control measures with D.D.T. sprays, are also being adopted. The disease is under control.''

SRI S. NAGAPPA :—'' May I know whether it is a fact that 11-30
cholera has spread in the district of Nellore due to the constant visit of the Hon. Minister of Nellore from Madras and cholera germs have been transported to Nellore in that way? ''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' Order, order.''

JANAB MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN :—'' As cholera seems to be the major problem of this Government, as is evident from the number of questions being put to-day, may I know what is the